

REMARKS

Within the present application claims 1, 14, 15 and 17 have been amended. Claims 10-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 10-12 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.175 as being substantially duplicate of claims 2-4. Claims 1-4, 7-8, and 14-17 are currently pending.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Within the present application claims 1 and 14-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention by the PTO.

Specifically, claim 1 is objected to as reciting an isocyanate containing a prepolymer. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that the prepolymer contains the isocyanate as requested in the Official Action. Claims 14-17 have been objected to as containing the expression “about”. Applicants have amended claims 14-17 to remove the expression “about” as requesting in the Official Action. Claim 15 has further been amended to depend from claim 14. Thus, Applicants content that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 have been alleviated by the present amendments.

REJECTION UNDER NONSTATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING

Applicants include the timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully contend that claims 1-4, 7-8, and 14-17 are allowable and an early notice of such effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing Response, he is invited and urged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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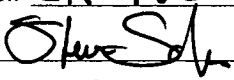


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